

GENERAL ORDER 20-16

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING GENERAL ORDER 20-12: ALLOWING
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT ON
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

In response to the recent public health challenges wrought by coronavirus within the United States and the State of Texas, and due to the resulting social distancing and teleworking by attorneys seeking admission to practice within the Eastern District of Texas, the Court has heretofore temporarily SUSPENDED the original notarized signature requirement for admission by means of General Order 20-12; and

Whereas, the original term of General Order 20-12 is approaching its end date and the Court desires to extend such temporary suspension;

Now Therefore, the Court hereby extends General Order 20-12 for an additional period of ninety (90) calendar days from this date and DIRECTS the Clerk of Court to accept and process applications for admission to practice with electronic signatures thereon, during such time period.

Unless additionally extended or earlier terminated by subsequent order, this General Order shall expire automatically ninety (90) days from this date.

FOR THE COURT:

SO ORDERED and SIGNED this 26th day of August, 2020.



Handwritten signature of Rodney Gilstrap in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

**RODNEY GILSTRAP
CHIEF JUDGE**